Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" With reference to the answer to clause (e) enunciating the policy of Government, may I know whether the Government would never interfere even where a large number of village officers are affected, simply because the Board refuses to interfere on appeal? Here is a case where a large number of village officers have been wrongly dealt with and will not Government look into the matter?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not think the answer can bear the construction which the hon. Member puts upon it. I do not know that they have appealed and that they have been wrongly dealt with ; if there was anything to show that they have been wrongly dealt with on appeal, Government will look into such cases."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" But how are the Government to know it? They have no information and refuse to call for the information. May I request them to get some information as I have suggested in my question and take the necessary steps?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" There is no suggestion anywhere in the question that these people have appealed and not received any redress."

Depressed Classes.

Use of well by the Madiga or Mala section of the depressed classes.

* 197 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is the policy of the Government that, where there is already a well for either the Madiga or the Mala section of the depressed classes in any village, the need for a separate well for the use of the members of the other section need not be considered ; and

(b) the number of villages in the Bellary district where proposals from the taluk board president or the Labour Officer or the communities concerned for a well for the use of the Mala or the Madiga section of the depressed classes have been turned down because of the existence already of a well for Madigas or Malas, as the case may be, in their village?

A.—(a) No.
(b) Four.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, in answer to clause (a) Government state that it is not their policy to refuse a separate well for the other community where there is already a well for either of the Madiga or the Mala section of the depressed classes. But in clause (b) they say that four such proposals have been turned down on the ground that there was already a well for one of the two sections. It is a serious matter, Sir, because these two sections are very intolerant of each other and it would lead to trouble and friction if the Government persist in this policy."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" If the hon. Member comes and sees me, we shall discuss the question in detail."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Can any one of the two communities compel the other to permit them to use their wells?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Certainly not." However I will look into the question.